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[From the Boston Commonwealth.]

HAFIZ.

BY JOHN A. DORGAN.

The wine of life in my hand I hold;
The wine is ruddy, the goblet gold;
The head and the heart were old, were old—
The head was wise, and the heart was cold.

Still wise am I with sorrowful years
Of many hopes and many fears;
But I feel in my heart of youth the fire,
The soaring passion, the wild desire.

The heart of youth, how it leaps and bounds,
Like a stag that is followed by eager hounds,
Like billows that tempests are sweeping along!
Sea-like it breaketh in song—in song.

Ye dreams that fled me in days of yore,
Hither oh hither! and flee no more;
Ye songs that faded upon my tongue,
Hither, oh hither! nor pass unsung.

Come, ye have pained me so long! oh come!
And then let the singer's lips be dumb;
Be the goblet broken; the red wine shed;
And Hafiz in glory and bliss be dead.

THE shock of an earthquake was felt at Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday night last.

THE people of Portland talk about celebrating the first of January as an emancipation jubilee.

THE Huntington (Indiana) *Democrat* nominates Vallandigham for President in 1864.

THERE is excellent sleighing between Boston and the towns north and west of the city.

OVER one hundred colored recruits were obtained in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 13th and 14th insts.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, is said to be growing more rapidly than any town in the west. It now has a population of between fifteen and twenty thousand.

THE people of Madison, Wisconsin, are enjoying the luxury of good sleighing. Prairie railroads have been blockaded. Gone fall of snow.

[illegible] that Mr. Buchanan [illegible] 1856 knew of the designs of the conspirators and promised not to interfere with them in case he was elected President.

THE barns and shops of Mr. Chase, of Springfield, Vermont, were destroyed by fire, 11th instant, under very peculiar circumstances. He states that, seeing a light, he went out and found his barns on fire, and his cows, twelve in number, turned out in the yard, a horse led out and tied to [illegible] with an old harness beside him. [illegible] farming tools had also been brought out, and all this before six o'clock in the evening.

A CORRESPONDENT at Beaufort, North Carolina, referring to the schools in that city for the education of the freedmen, says: "Some few evenings ago I visited [illegible] schools, over which several [illegible] presiding. Even in o[illegible] schools I never saw more [illegible] as an interesting sight. [illegible] avidity even the old [illegible] ed into their studies, a[illegible] had made in three wee[illegible] shing."

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No Morning Paper.

There will be no *morning* edition of the *Commercial* on Saturday. The *evening* edition will appear as usual,

The Railroad Election.

We have taken no part in the controversy in regard to the conflicting claims of two Boards for the management of the Connellsville Railroad. Perhaps Judge McCANDLASS is right that the late election should be set aside. When, however, he goes beyond that, and holds another election, and declares another Board elected, we fancy he has traveled outside of the record. We certainly never before suspected any Court had such a power. If the proceedings were illegal he had undoubtedly the right to set aside the late election, and direct a new one to be held under the laws regulating such elections. And there, we fancy, his powers ended. But it seems not.

We suppose no remedy exists, and that the Baltimore Board will hold for the coming year. We have one suggestion to make to these gentlemen. If they, during the coming year, will show that they intend us to have a Baltimore connection at Cumberland, with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, we shall excuse them. If not, we hope the next election will give us an earnest, energetic Board.

Remember the Poor Soldiers.

During the Christmas holidays we enjoin upon our readers that they remember in their prayers and donations the poor soldiers in the hospitals, in the camps and on the battle fields. The highest philanthrophy and honest patriotism demand that these men and their families have the first place in our thoughts. This Government of ours—the best under the sun—was assailed by traitors. It was the duty of us all—with our strong arms, and, aye, every dollar of our property, to come to the rescue. Hundreds of our fellow citizens rushed to the rescue. Many of them still encounter disease, danger and death on the tented field. We who remain at home should contribute, if necessary, our last dollar to render them and their families whom they leave behind them comfortable. Some may appeal to you for aid to the wounded in our hospitals—others for aid to the sick and wounded on the battle-fields, and still others for aid to the families left behind them. To make sure, our advice is, give to the extent of your means to each and all of these objects. "God loveth a cheerful giver," and certainly no other objects can be presented that combine more fully all the obligations of patriotism, philanthropy and religion.

Changes.

Colonel James A. Ekin, of the Regular Army, for two years past the United States Quartermaster for this State, leaves us today for a very important position in the line of his duty on the Potomac. To say that he takes with him the good wishes of all, soldiers and civilians, who have been brought into contact with him by business or any other relation, is to express but feebly the sincere and lasting regard he has acquired during his residence here. To the demeanor of a gentleman he has added the spirit of a christian, and to both the energy, promptness and accuracy of a business man; never halting while there was work to do; never slow, generally first, to see any new service that could be done to our troops through his office; never confused by the utmost entanglement of details; patient, mild and thorough, it is not much to be wondered at that such a man should conduct such an immense business so long without complaints from any source, as that such a man should be found to undertake it at all.

Before Captain Ekin was assigned to this State, the Quartermaster's office drew complaints and charges of inefficiency, ill-nature and corruption around it as thick as flies round a bit of putrid meat, unjustly, it may be—for we were then unused to war, and wanted more than we do now—but they came. Since then complaints have been absolutely silenced. We have not heard, or heard of, a single one. The change was sudden, and complete, almost magical, from the strong accusations of the troops, and the frequent censures of the press, to the quiet, orderly, exact and satisfactory proceedings under Captain Ekin. He now leaves his office, after two years of such work, both in extent and multiplicity of details, as few men have to encounter, ready for delivery to his successor at a moment's notice. There are no neglected matters, no unadjusted accounts, no incomplete business to wind up. No better evidence of his admirable qualifications for such a post could be desired than this one fact. It is not certainly known to what duty Capt. Ekin will be assigned, but it is surmised that he will probably take the chief business of the Potomac army. Indianapolis loses one of her most citizens in him, and we know that he carries with his associations here with the sincere regret. None but kind wishes will follow him from here, as we are well assured no others followed him when he left there.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

We have known Col. Ekin intimately for many years, and endorse every word our friend says in regard to him. We knew him when he took charge of the affairs at Indianapolis, and we had watched his career endeared to the people of the Hoosier State. We understand he is to be one of the commissary department of the army of the Potomac on the staff of General Warren, commanding Iowa.

The Christmas Holidays.

The religious and festive associations of Christmas are again upon us, which year their significance becomes more and more general. The number of happy homes whose Christmas trees are found now, number ten for every one that ten years ago could have been found. So much that is beautiful in poetry and tender in religious association clusters around the happy Christmas hearths, that doubting cities may as well give up their warfare. But we speak advisedly, having critically examined this question. Independent of the traditions of the early Christian church, no other kindred fact of eighteen hundred and sixty-three years' existence, has so overwhelming a preponderance of testimony in its favor, as that which fixes the nativity of the Saviour on the 25th of December. If any one still doubts, let him devote one hundredth part of the time to its investigation which Dr. JARVIS has done in his history of the church, and then he may be heard.

Five years since an old College friend of ours, the Rev. D. X. JUNKIN, D.D., combatted our views and strongly urged the impossibility of shepherds watching their flocks on the 25th of December. A clerical friend of his in the following year visited the Holy Land, and at the Doctor's instance made inquiries on the ground, and was told that shepherds frequently watched their flocks by night in December, on the plains of Bethlehem. Dr. JUNKIN has frankly told us he would never rely in this argument again.

At all events this is the only day which any respectable authority has ever suggested should be celebrated to commemorate the nativity of our Saviour. The religious associations of hundreds of millions of Christians cluster around this day. The choicest of poetry in all language has been inspired by this theme—the most eloquent of Divines has thrown around it churchly associations.

We therefore congratulate all our readers, and our young ones especially, and with them one and all, a merry, merry, happy, happy Christmas day. We suppose that thousands of you will this day sing—

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground."

The mere festive observances of the season have never been so admirably grouped as in that inimitable Christmas Carol of C. C. MOORE, late Professor of Hebrew in the Theological Seminary, New York, who a few months since has gone to his final resting place.

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS.

BY CLEMENT C. MOORE.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;
When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter—
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below;
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On! Comet, on! Cupid, on! Dunder and Blitzen—
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedlar just opening his pack;
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

Diphtheria—A Sure Cure of this Terrible Disorder.

[From the Missouri Democrat.]

Please publish the following treatment of diphtheria. It has been used by myself, and others to whom I have given it, in over one thousand cases, without a failure. It will *always cure*, if the treatment is commenced before the diphtheria membrane extends into the air tubes, which is known by the great difficulty of breathing and restlessness. In such cases, no remedy yet discovered will always effect a cure; but if the patient is watched, and the treatment used in time, there is no danger.

I sent this treatment to a friend of mine in Wisconsin, and he used it on himself and family, and neighbors, with such wonderful success that he requested me to send it to you for publication, as this horrible disease is prevailing extensively in parts of Missouri:

DIPTHERIA WASH.

Golden Seal, pulverized	1	drachm.
Borax,	"	"
Black pepper,	"	1 "
Alum,	"	1 "
Nitrate potash,	"	1 "
Salt,	"	2 "

Put all into a common-sized teacup or vessel which holds about four ounces, and pour half full of boiling water, stir well, and then fill full of good vinegar. Fit for use when it settles. Make a swab by getting a little stick about the size of a pipe-stem, notch one end, and wrap a string of cotton cloth around it, letting the cloth project about half an inch beyond the end of the stick, so as not to jag the mouth and throat, and fasten with a thread.

Swab the mouth and throat well every half hour if the case is bad, every hour if not bad. When the patient gets better, every two hours; then when better, every four hours; and when still better, two or three times a day, till well, which will be from two to seven days. Touch every affected spot, the uvula, tonsils, and fauces, the whole of the back part of the mouth and top of the throat; and let the patient swallow a little of the wash each time you swab. Swabbing causes no pain, though the patient will gag, and sometimes vomit; but swab well, and a feeling of relief will follow every swabbing.

Let every patient have a separate swab and wash, as the disease is undoubtedly infectious. Keep the wash pure by pouring what you can use, each time, into another vessel, and also wipe off any matter or slime that may be on the swab, every time you take it from the mouth.

Rub the following liniment on the throat, outside, once every three or four hours, and keep a flannel cloth round the neck all the while.

Take spirits turpentine, one ounce.
Take lauded oil, (or linseed oil,) one ounce.
Take aqua ammonia, (mix,) one ounce.
Shake before using each time.
Keep the bowels regular with castor oil.

Keep the patient in the house, but ventilate well. The diphtherin wash and liniment will be found sufficient for *all cases*, if taken in time; and should you mistake any other "sore throat" for diphtheria, you will effect a cure almost invariably, as I use this for all common sore throats. I have never lost a case, and many have told me that no money would induce them, in these "diphtheria times," to be without the wash and liniment; and when a sore-ness in the throat is felt, it is used, and a cure is at once effected.

Yours, &c., W. A. SCOTT,
Warrensburg, Johnson county, Iowa.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

DAILY COMMERCIAL: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1863.

BY INLAND ROUTE.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.

Leaving to Spend the Holidays.

There has been a large exodus of Congressmen and others last evening and to-day. Special trains were run in order to accommodate the great numbers leaving to spend the holidays elsewhere.

Exchange of Prisoners.

Gen. Butler has telegraphed for a thousand rebel prisoners to be sent him, for delivery at City Point to the Richmond authorities. It would seem from this that an exchange was really commenced.

Escaped from Richmond.

This morning two soldiers of the United States army, who have been in prison in Richmond, reported themselves at the Provost Marshal's office, dressed in grey clothes, made by the Union ladies at Richmond, from secesh blankets. Their names are R. S. Howard, of Scammon's brigade, and John R. McCullough, of the first Wisconsin infantry. Howard had been employed by the rebels in charge of the Alabama hospital, and McCullough was also employed as a hospital steward. Having ascertained that if they could escape they would receive assistance from Union people of Richmond, who are more numerous than is generally supposed, McCullough feigned to be dead and was carried out in a coffin, and Howard passed the guard in the night. Their escape was effected on the 8th inst., and they remained in the city until the 17th. Some friends took charge of them, and suits were made for them out of rebel blankets, and passes were furnished which enabled them to get out of the city. They report that our men are suffering great hardships in rebel prisons and hospitals. The rations of rebels themselves are very scanty, consisting of corn bread and semi-occasionally pieces of bacon. They represent that the average daily number of deaths of our prisoners in hospitals in the city is thirty-five.

Secretary Seward.

Secretary Seward left this city for New York to-day. A.

Seizure of Persons and Arms on Board the George Cromwell.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The *Post* says it is understood that five or six arrests have been made on board the steamer George Cromwell, bound from this port to New Orleans. Among the persons arrested was an individual of some prominence in this community. There have also been seizures of large quantities of arms, ammunition, &c. The details cannot now be made public, but a few days will develop some facts in relation to the recent order for searching vessels leaving this port.

Junction of Longstreet with Lee—Meade Falling Back.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A special dispatch bulletin was received in this city, by the Independent Telegraph, which says Longstreet has joined Lee, and that the latter has crossed the Rappahannock. Meade is falling back. There has been several skirmishes with Stuart's cavalry.

The Alabama Expected at Madras.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A private letter, dated Madras, Oct. 27, says Shaw & Co. have received orders from Capetown to advance 10,000 rupees to the Alabama, and they have a large number of letters awaiting her arrival, now daily expected. She will meet with a very cool reception from the Europeans at that place.

Nomination of Gen. McClellan for the Presidency.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—It is understood that the National Conservative Union Committee, now in session in this city, has re-affirmed the nomination of Major-Gen. Geo. B. McClellan for President, and have nominated Judge Campbell, of Pa., for Vice President.

Removal of Medical Storekeepers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is reported that Dr. Letterman, Chief Medical Inspector of the Army of the Potomac, has been removed, and that medical storekeepers at Cincinnati, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Chicago have already been reduced, and that other changes will soon follow.

SOLDIERS and OFFICERS in the Army, being exposed to sudden changes, should always be supplied with "*Brown's Bronchial Troches,*" as they give prompt relief in a Cold, Cough, or an Irritated Throat.

Editor of Commercial:

DEAR SIR,—With your permission I wish to say to the readers of your paper that I will send by return mail, to all who wish it (free), a Recipe, with full directions for making and using a simple Vegetable Balm, that will effectually remove, in ten days, Pimples, Blotches, Tan, Freckles, and all Impurities of the Skin, leaving the same soft, clear, smooth and beautiful.

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THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist,
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MARRIED:

RENO—GOFF—On the 23d inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. S. Y. Kennedy, Mr. JAMES F. RENO, of Allegheny, to Miss LIDA K. GOFF, of Sewickley, Pa.

DIED:

RHODES—On Thursday, the 24th, of Typhoid fever, Mrs. CATHERINE RHODES, at the residence of her husband, no 29 Ross street.

Notice of funeral on Saturday.

POLLOCK—On December 18th, in Union township, Washington county, of diphtheria, SARAH BELL, and on December 22d, CAROLINE THERESA—only daughters of John and Nancy Pollock.

SANKEY—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 23d, Miss JANE MARY, daughter of John R. and Mary A. Sankey, aged nineteen years.

BERRY—On Dec. 21st, at Baden, Beaver county, LYDIA GERTRUDE BERRY, only daughter of Leonard J. and Martha G. Berry, aged 2 years and 10 months.

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The Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad is now near completion, and will be in running order throughout, in the Summer of 1864.

The Chartiers Valley Railroad, also, which connects with the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, on this tract, will be completed in a short time.

The road from Pittsburgh to Mansfield is now being macadamized and improved, and is in good condition, making the place now, easy of access from the city.

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OIL FLAT CAUGHT.—Caught adrift at Saw Mill Run, on Monday last, an OIL FLAT, ninety-one feet long by eighteen wide. The owner will please come forward, identify his property, pay charges and take it away, otherwise it will be sold. THOS. JONES,
de24:3t Jones' Ferry.

CHRISTMAS GOODS
LACE TRIMMED SETTS;
Lace Handkerchiefs;
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Fancy Money Bags;
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Low priced Collars;
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Sontags, Nubias and Hoods;
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Kid Gloves, Fur Gloves,
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Wholesale Rooms up Stairs.
Well filled with Seasonable goods, at
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Continues to sell off his entire stock AT COST,
TO QUIT BUSINESS
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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE for city property in Allegheny or Pittsburgh, a Farm of one hundred acres, adjoining the village of Georgetown, Pennsylvania, thirty-three miles from Pittsburgh, by the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad or Ohio River. The Farm is
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Eighty acres cleared and fenced with posts and boards; a good stone house, and a good bearing orchard; a good saw-mill, capable of doing a large business.
Also, a fine new house, with one acre of ground, in said village; with an abundance of fruit theron, and every convenience of out buildings that could be desired. For particulars apply to Capt. W. EVANS, Commercial office, or on the premises to
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Just as safe in COLD as in WARM weather.
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Desires to inform his friends and patrons that his present large stock of the above goods is being constantly replenished with all the new styles as fast as they appear in the Eastern cities, and that they can depend on getting a good article at the *lowest possible price.*
Fine WATCHES, CLOCKS and JEWELRY
REPAIRED.
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MADE TO ORDER.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

EXPRESS INSTITUTE.—The Sixth Session will commence on MONDAY, January 4th, 1864, and continue twelve weeks, closing FRIDAY, March 25th. For terms, &c., call at the Institute, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, or address,
de23:1w Rev. W. S. GRAY, Principal.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
LATE PITTSBURGH TRUST CO.,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 24, 1863.
AN ELECTION FOR NINE DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held on the second TUESDAY, 12th of January next, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
de23:td JOHN D. SCULLY, Cashier.

OFFICE MONONGAHELA SAVING BANK,
Pittsburgh, December 21, 1863.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders for the election for a PRESIDENT and SIX DIRECTORS of this Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at its office, No. 49 GRANT street, on MONDAY, January 4th, 1864, between the hours of 8 P. M. and 6 P. M.
de22:2w A. S. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

CORONER.—JOHN McCLUNG, of the First Ward, Allegheny, will be a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny County, subject to the decision of the ensuing County Union Convention. de14:tc

THE GERMAN
UNION LEAGUE
Meets every TUESDAY EVENING at
RAWIE'S HALL,
261 Ohio street,
de16:tf ALLEGHENY CITY.

PITTSBURGH, December 17, 1863.
PITTSBURGH BRIDGE CO.—The stockholders in said Company are hereby notified to meet and organize said Company at HARE'S HOTEL, LIBERTY Street, Pittsburgh, on the FIRST MONDAY of JANUARY, 1864, between the hours of TWO and FOUR o'clock P. M. of said day, and choose, by ballot, by a majority of the stock, then and there voted, one President and six Directors, one Treasurer and such other officers as they may think necessary to conduct the business of the Company until the next regular election.

James Woods,	Christian Zug,
M. B. Brown,	Robert Woods,
John F. Singer,	Elijah Heath,
James S. Craft,	F. J. Brooke,
Samuel Hartman,	S. A. Long,
Benj. A. Mevay,	Clarence Shaler,
Alex. McKee,	Rody Patterson,
Robert Sterrett,	James Trunick,
Isaac Walker,	G. Y. Coulter,
Moses Chess,	Thomas Steele,

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W. G. JOHNSTON,	JAS. M. COOPER,
B. F. JONES,	S. HARBAUGH,
REES E. OWENS,	J. CALDWELL, Jr.,
Hon. T. M. HOWE,	JOHN S. DILWORTH,
BARCLAY PRESTON,	GEORGE BINGHAM.

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NEW SILKS,
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Reduced from 12½c to 50c per yard, from former prices.
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Less than we have ever sold them.
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Handsome CLOAKS, selling cheap;
Do. SWAWLS. do.;
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Do. EMPRESS, do.;
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Do. COLLARS;
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Just received. A full assortment on hands. Call and see. No trouble to show goods.
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MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS!
WAMELINK & BARR'S Piano Rooms are now open, and we respectfully invite our friends and the public generally to call and examine for themselves.
OUR SPLENDID STOCK
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Which we have just received from the most popular manufacturers in the East, comprising the celebrated
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Schomacker & Co.,
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Those desiring to purchase a good instrument, fully equal, if not superior to any offered for sale elsewhere, and at a reasonable price, would do well to call at
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"We have examined, with much care, Mr. William B. Bradbury's NEW SCALE PIANO FORTES, and it is our opinion that, in power, purity, richness, equality of tone, and thorough workmanship, Mr. Bradbury's instruments EXCEL.
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John N. Pattison,	A. Bagioli,
Charles Fradel,	Gustav A. Eckhardt,
Robert Heller,	F. L. Ritter,
H. E. Mathews,	F. H. Nash,
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L. M. GOTTSCHALK."
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MESSRS. SCHOMACKER & CO.—Have numerous letters of recommendations from distinguished amateurs—the President of the United States, Governors of States, etc., who have purchased their Pianos. Their instruments received a Gold Medal at the Crystal Palace Fair, London. de24:2t

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WE HAVE THIS DAY OPENED the richest and most comprehensive stock of
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We have ever exhibited, anticipating the wants of our friends we have made our display much earlier than usual, and now invite our customers and the public generally to an early examination of our goods, which have been selected with especial regard to their tastes for
HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
Embracing an unusually large assortment of
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With the newest and most elegant designs of Diamonds and Pearls inlaid, enameled and engraved cases.
DIAMONDS,
In great variety of Clusters and Solitaires.
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All the late styles of Solid Gold, Onyx, Coral, Pearl, Enameled, Garnet and Carbuncle Jewelry.
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BARATHEAS,	
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SILKS,	
SHAWLS.	

21 Fifth street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

CURRANTS.
PROCLAMATION, BURGH, SS.
In accordance with ... of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, proclamation of the City of PITTSBURGH, Proprietor. ... opposite Vigilant Engine House, ... supplements to ... Wines kept continuously in ... Mayor of said city, do issue this ... tion, that on the FIRST TUESDAY morning, ... ARY, A. D. 1861, being the FIFTH DAY ... MONTH, the freemen of each Ward of said ... qualified to vote for members of the House ... Representatives of this Commonwealth, ... meet at the several places of holding elections ... in their respective wards and precincts ... elect, by ballot, under the provisions of ... of Assembly, passed the 16th day of ... 1833.
One person to serve as Mayor ... CANNON, ... One person to serve as Controller ... ther with all and ... sep7:1y
One person to serve as Treasurer ... each of whom shall hold their ... CHANGE, ... years.
On the same day, in conformity ... cited authorities, and also to the ... Councils ... street, ... dicting said city, the citizens ... proprietor.
First Ward will elect, by ballot, one ... be a member of the Select Council of ... ers served for two years, and two persons to be ... the Delicacies of the Common Councils.
Second Ward—One person to be a ... the Select and two persons to be ... oc8-1y the Common Council.
Third Ward—One person to be a ... the Select and six persons to be ... CANVASS, Common Council.
Fourth Ward—One person to be a ... streets. the Select and two persons to be ... OYSTERS Common Council. ... all the
Fifth Ward—One person to be a ... sold retail the Select and six persons to be ... 4:3m Common Council.
Sixth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and four persons to be members of the Common Council.
Seventh Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and two persons to be members of the Common Council.
Eighth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and three persons to be members of the Common Council.
Ninth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and three persons to be members of the Common Council.
Each of whom shall be qualified to serve as a member of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth.
At the election to be held as aforesaid, on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, A. D. 1864.
The electors of the First Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.
The electors of the Second Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.
The electors of so much of the Third Ward as lies north of and west of Grant Street, being precinct No. 1 of said ward, will vote at the house of B. McStay, on the corner of Sixth and Smithfield streets.
The electors of so much of the Third Ward as lies south and east of Grant street, being precinct No. 2 of said Ward, will vote at the house of C. S. Kennedy, at the corner of Wylie and Tunnel streets.
The electors of the Fourth Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.
The electors of so much of the Fifth Ward as lies north and east of Adams street, being precinct No. 1 of said Ward, will vote at the Public School House, in said Ward.
The electors of so much of the Fifth Ward as lies south and west of Adams street, being precinct No. 2 of said Ward, will vote at the Public School House, in said Ward.
The electors of the Sixth Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.
The electors of the Seventh Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.
The electors of the Eighth Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.
The electors of the Ninth Ward will vote at the Public school House in said Ward.
Given under my hand and the seal of the said City of Pittsburgh, the 16th day of December, A. D., 1863. B. C. SAWYER, Jr.,
de17:te Mayor.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—All those indebted to the estate of JOSEPH SCHMIDT, deceased, late of the city of Pittsburgh, will please to call, without delay, at the office of the undersigned, No. 409 PENN street, and make payment; and those having just claims against said estate may hand in the same, well authenticated, for adjustment.
JOSEPHINE SCHMIDT,
BENJAMIN SCHMIDT,
no1&haw-6w Exrs. of Jos. Schmidt, dec'd.

BUY YOUR TOYS AT
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Where you will find a large variety of *toys of every description.* Old stock, but New Goods at Old Prices. Also, a variety of goods suitable for Holiday

PITTSBURGH DAILY COMMERCIAL: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1863.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Daily Commercial, Bridgeport, Pa.

Post Office.—On and after the 1st the Post Office will be open between the hours of 7½ and 8 o'clock, a. m., and 5 and 6 o'clock, p. m.

Harper for January.—We are indebted to Henry Miner, Fifth street, for another number of *Harper's Magazine*.

Accidental Death.—The body of the man who was killed on the Connellsville Railroad, near the Birmingham bridge, one day last week, has been identified. The name of the deceased was Berger, and he was a baker by trade.

Committed.—Wm. McConnell, charged with the larceny of oil barrels from the Allegheny Valley Railroad depot, was committed by Mayor Drum, before Mayor Grover. The accused was committed to jail for a hearing, at his own request, he alleging that he can prove the charge unfounded.

Presentation.—The workmen employed in the Novelty Works on Monday evening last, presented their foreman, Mr. Fred Wolff, with a handsome gold watch and chain, as a mark of their esteem for him as a man and employer. The presentation ceremony was quite an interesting affair, and was quite unlooked for by the worthy recipient.

Change Office.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad Company, held December 22d, $16,000 was appropriated to be distributed within the counties through which the road runs, during the year 1864, for the needy families of soldiers who have been, or may be in the United States service. The amount is insufficient one, and worthy the attention by other corporations.

Important to Volunteers.—The following instructions have been issued by the War Department, December 24, 1863:—A law having been passed in this city that no bounties will be paid to any persons enlisted after the ninth of January next. The Two Hundred Dollars authorized by section 5, Act of July 22d, 1861, and promulgated in General Order No. 49, of that year, from this date.

Drowned.—Awarded.—The suit of John Walking against the Pittsburgh and Erie Passenger Railroad Company for Rensselaer Hall by the loss of the Wednesday night, who was run over on Third Van Altyne, Rev. Father Hayes between eral Wool, Mr. Pease of the Troy Dept Professor Barrman and others made speeches. General Wool reiterated the opin that Mr. Buchanan, before the election 1856, knew of the designs of the consp promised not to interfere wi cause he was elected President.

THE barns and shops of Mr. Chase, of Springfield, Vermont, were destroyed by fire, 11th instant, under very peculiar circumstances. He states that, seeing a light, he went out and found his barns on fire, and his cows, twelve in number, turned out in the yard, a horse led out and tied to a tree with an old harness beside him. All his farming tools had also been brought out, and all this before six o'clock in the evening.

A CORRESPONDENT at Beaufort, North Carolina, referring to the schools in that city for the education of the freedmen, says: "Some few evenings ago I visited one of the schools, over which several young ladies were presiding. Even in our best Northern schools I never saw more perfect order, or was an interesting sight to witness such avidity even the old men and women displayed in their studies, and such progress had made in three weeks' teaching."

Intelligence from Mars.—We learn that the *Examiner* has the following: Washington, December 21st.—The discovery of an the fight, Lieutenant of the Sixth Regiment as at first reported, but Usher of young rowdies, who attempted to company in particular. The first machine that Union soldiers of the fighting there two members to each company in the paid department of the army, as it is publicly that any of them could engage in without being known, and believe Germans were in the

Accident.—Yesterday evening, about five o'clock, a boy named Wendel, aged about [illegible] of Ohio and East streets, Allegheny, under the following circumstances: Mr. Charles Schoepflin, a dairyman, was driving his wagon, with a slave cutting machine in the wagon, young Wendel standing in the wagon and steadying the machine. The wagon was crossing a gutter on the street, when the wagon was jostled, and young Wendel was thrown out into the street, the machine going with him, and cutting off his right leg. Mr. Schoepflin immediately alighted and raised the lad up, when it was found that his skull was fractured. Drs. Wilson and Hartman were immediately summoned, and dressed the wounded boy's injuries, giving, as their opinion that there was little hope of his recovery. The lad was an orphan and was under the adoption of [illegible] family, by whom he is tenderly attached. [illegible] day of the accident, Mr. [illegible] had purchased the boy a new suit of clothing, intended for a Christmas suit, and the lad was in high spirits and full of [illegible] prospects of a happy Christmas [illegible]

Presents for the Holidays.—The holidays are upon us, and old and young, the rich and the poor, are enjoying, themselves, but, as far as practicable, contribute to the enjoyment of their friends. Presents are generally exchanged, [illegible] the albums of [illegible] be in demand, [illegible] desire to [illegible] There is a [illegible] looks as [illegible] a badly executed [illegible] the object [illegible] use the most accomplished [illegible] have several first-class [illegible] city and we have, [illegible] are not [illegible] the really good photographers [illegible] Mr. D. B. [illegible] Allegheny [illegible] dawn [illegible] desirous [illegible] if only to secure an excellent picture he can take at [illegible] reasonable prices as he charges. Don't forget the place, Nos. [illegible] if you want a photograph executed in the highest [illegible] cannot be excelled [illegible] accomplishment East or West. [illegible] of our most skilful photographers in the country, and of excellence [illegible] the reader feels [illegible] would suggest a call at Mr. Purviance's [illegible] Having secured your photograph, one [illegible] ment [illegible] great and handsome album, and of [illegible] abundance a [illegible] assortment will be found to be [illegible]

The Cleveland Railroad Controversy—The Division Board Quashed, and Another Board Substituted.

In the United States Circuit Court, Thursday morning, the matter of the application of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company against the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company, for an injunction, was decided in favor of plaintiffs. It will be remembered that at the recent election of the stockholders of the Connellsville Company for Directors, they refused the votes of several parties because their stock had not been entered in the stock ledger. The number of votes refused was greater than that polled for the ticket declared by the election board to have been successful. Among those whose votes were refused was the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, who made application immediately after the election in the United States Circuit Court, asking for an injunction to restrain the parties declared by the Board to be elected from acting as Directors, and requesting the Court to declare the gentlemen named in the opposition ticket to be really elected, a majority of the stockholders having tendered their votes for the same.

The case came up for argument on Monday, was continued through Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Thursday morning, Judge M'Candless delivered the following written opinion in the case, granting the injunction:

"The order of the Court of the 10th and 12th of November last, has been disobeyed. There must have been a misconception. If the Court presumed that it was a wilful disregard of its mandate, it would be its duty to proceed at once, as for a contempt, the culpability of which would be greatly enhanced by the production of an obsolete and discarded book, miscalled a ledger, which seemed to obey the letter, whilst it violated the spirit of the order. The purpose of the Bill and the judgment of the Court was to secure a fair and legal election, and a just representation of the stock held by the complainants. What was to be found by a reference to the stock register and voting list, which in the absence of a ledger properly posted, was the true ledger, and which should have guided the officers in conducting the election.

"The powers of this Court, as a Court of equity, are adequate and ample to meet the emergency, to correct the evil and apply the remedy.

"And as what *should* have been done, in obedience to its decree, is taken to *have been done*; the defendants 1st and 2d ordered and the Directors named upon the ticket headed by W. M. Wm. S. Bissell are hereby declared to be duly elected, and the respondents, and all others in possession, are directed, forthwith, to deliver the books, papers, moneys, rolling stock, and all and singular the other property of the corporation."

The following are, therefore, the Directors of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad for the ensuing year:—William S. Bissell, Wm. Bingham, John Fleming, Joseph Pennock, C. L. B. Fetterman, Wm. Baldwin, Pittsburgh; Cyrus Myers, Somerset county; Benjamin Deford, William E. Murdock, Benjamin H. Latrobe, Joseph R. Marston, William W. Taylor, Baltimore. Immediately after the decision of the Court, U. S. Marshal Murdock served the order of the Court on the sitting board. The new board will take possession forthwith.

Whether this will be the end of the controversy, we are not prepared to say, but it is rumored that the respondents in the case just decided intend taking the matter to the United States Supreme Court.

A Fifth Ward Quota.—At a meeting of the citizens of the Fifth Ward, "for the purpose of devising a plan to fill the quota" of volunteers called for by the President's Proclamation, George W. R. [illegible] Gover[illegible] Esq., was called to the chair, Bates [illegible] Felix and Major Felix Negley [illegible] vice presidents, and John P. [illegible] secretary. The object of the meeting [illegible] your k[illegible] Will[illegible] stated, and some patriotic remarks having been made by Col. Felix and [illegible] Thompson, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to prepare business for the meeting, viz: Robert A. [illegible], James M. Taylor, Joseph Barnard, Thompson and John H. Ralston, the committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Fifth Ward city of Pittsburgh will pay to each Volunteer the sum of One Hundred Dollars, in addition to the Government Bounty, until a sufficient number of Volunteers is secured to fill the quota of the Ward under the impending draft.

Resolved, That with a view to carry into effect the foregoing resolution, there be Block Committees appointed for the purpose of requesting the manufacturers and others, residents of the Ward, to contribute means for the purpose mentioned.

Resolved, That we respectfully call upon every laboring man and mechanic to give one week of their wages, and all manufacturing and business establishments to give one week's profits of their respective business, and that all those who are enrolled and subject to the draft, or [illegible] liable to draft, shall severally pay the above bounties, and thereby save the Ward from the disagreeable alternative of a draft.

Resolved, That a committee of twenty be appointed to carry into effect the foregoing resolution. [The following persons were appointed said committee: James M. Taylor, Richard Thompson, R. A. Colville, C. O'Donnell, Peter Zern, Eberhart Dierker, M. Satler, Thos. Dickson, jr., George Caughey, John Graham, Alex. McClintock, Jacob King, Samuel Moore, Jos. Edwards, Thomas Taylor, Jos. French, R. J. McGowan, T. S. Blair, J. H. McElroy, H. Jones, F. Ardray, Conrad Ziegler.]

Resolved, That in case the quota of this ward be not filled, the sums of money subscribed by any person or persons drafted, be returned to them, together with three hundred dollars bounty, and to no other.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the daily press of this city, and to Ferguson & Brother, for gratuitously publishing the notices of this meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the Public School House on Tuesday evening next.

To the citizens and residents of the Fifth Ward: At a meeting of the citizens of the Fifth Ward, city of Pittsburgh, held on the 23d inst., for the purpose of devising a plan to fill the Fifth Ward quota, the following named citizens were appointed to wait on all the residents of the Ward to solicit and receive contributions for the above purpose.

The object of the Committee is to raise funds sufficient to offer a Bounty of *Three Hundred Dollars* in addition to that offered by the General Government, for the purpose of procuring Volunteers, and *thereby save us from the calamity of a draft*. To do this it will require about fifty thousand dollars, which sum the Committee propose to raise in the following manner, viz: Each resident is requested to give not less than one week's earnings, and those liable to draft not less than two weeks' earnings. It is expected and requested that our large manufacturers, business and professional men will contribute liberally to this fund. In case the quota cannot be filled by volunteering, then the bounty of three hundred dollars will be given to such persons as may be drafted and who have contributed to this fund.

The funds collected will be deposited with John H. Ralston, Esq., and will be kept in his custody until ordered to be disbursed, in accordance with the above mentioned object.

COMMITTEE.

Joseph French,	James Taylor,
Charles Beck,	Billhartz,
Peter Zern,	John H. McElroy,
Thomas Henderson,	James Hemphill,
James M. Taylor,	E. Dierker,
F. C. Negley,	Wm. Hayburn,
T. C. Dickson,	Joseph Irwin,
George Caughey,	George Porzel,
T. S. Blair,	Neal O'Donnell,
John H. Jones,	Conrad Zeigler,
David Thompson,	R. J. McGowan,
Martin Satter,	Samuel Carothers
Frank Schriebler,	George Spear,
John Graham,	Joseph Lowry,
Anthony Meyers,	Alex. McClintock,
Joachim Weisser,	Richard Thompson,
John Matthews,	Samuel Moore,
Jacob Ahl,	Frank Ardray,
George Lang,	J. McM. King,
George Kuh,	Wm. McGreggor:
	Wm. Letson.

Treasurer, John H. Ralston.

Dreamer Flowers.—How beautiful and abundant are the flowers which adorn the gardens of New Orleans just now! Were a Northerner suddenly translated here, with no knowledge that he was going South instead of North, he would imagine himself to have slept till June, and to have awoke in the garden of Eden. How sweet the fragrance they shed upon the air. If there are no other reasons for loving this sunny land of ours, it is enough that here our roses are indeed perpetual, and the year begins and ends in bloom. It is the land of the evergreen—the chosen home of the Queen of Flowers.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

THE contributions from New Hampshire to the Boston Sanitary Fair will produce, it is said, at least $15,000.

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KNOWLE AND TRADE.

Money in New York yesterday was in active demand. Sterling quiet and firm at 166; gold opened at 57¼, closing very quiet at 57¼@57¾. Government stocks steady and lower. At the second Board gold rallied to 52¾, under a bogus report that Lee was advancing on Washington, but closed dull at 52. Stocks were strong at the public board, and there was improvement, the greatest advance being in Harlem River. The market was very firm on the street after the Board, and quotations well sustained.

PITTSBURGH GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL, Friday, December 25

Business was done yesterday only in a moderate way, the sales being to meet the wants of the local trade. As regards prices we have no particular change to notice. The weather for two days past was very cold, making ice in both rivers very freely. The marks only show five feet six inches. The only departure was the Nevada, Capt. Brickell, for Louisville. She took all the freight she wanted and a good number of passengers. The Reserve and other boats that were advertised will not go out at present, they will await a change in the weather. The Arizonia brought upan immense trip on the water, consisting of cotton, lard, bacon, wheat, etc. The largest was sent East by rail. Being in the midst of the holidays, transactions will naturally be restricted for a few days. Among the sales that were made, we note the following, viz.:

HAY—The market yesterday did not seem so firm. Buyers were shy and holding off. At the scales, 20 loads were disposed of at $38@40 per ton, a decline. Baled, from store, was sold at $38@39.

CHEESE—We have to notice a firm market, with a good local demand. Sales 70 bxs W. R., from store at 13@14c; 25 do Hampburg at 15c.

WHISKY—Market firm with a good demand. Sales 40 bbls. City Rectified at 86@87c.

APPLES—We could perceive no change. Holders were not anxious to press sales, whilst buyers took hold sparingly at $2 25@2 50.

FLOUR—The market continues very firm. The prospect of navigation closing will have the effect of enhancing prices. Sales to the extent of 450 bbls were reported at—

Extra Family—$6@6 50.
Ezra Family—$7@7 25.
Fancy—$7 75.

These rates were paid for dray lots from store. Country or wagon flour sold at a variety of prices, according to quality.

GRAIN—The market was very firm, with a good demand, especially for

Corn—There is a large business doing in this article for future delivery. We note sales of 500 bush car at $1 25, and 1,000 do at $1 25@1 26; from store higher figures were obtained.

Wheat—The amount that came here for sale was not large, but heavy transactions were made in other States for our market, the account of which sales never reach us. Current rates were: Red, a prime article would bring $1 36@1 38; sales 1,100 bush White at $1 51@1 52.

Oats—Firm, and in moderate request. Sales to a moderate extent at 78c.

Barley—Was firm at unchanged prices.

BACON—The demand for new Sugar-cured Hams was active. We note regular sales at 12½@13c, in a small way.

BUTTER—The market was unchanged, with a fair amount of transactions. Sales of 1,000 lbs Fresh Roll at 25@27c, as per quality.

GROCERIES—The market was firm; sales, however, were only to a moderate extent.

Sugar—Sales of 12 hhds at 11¾@12c for New Orleans.

Molasses—Sales 40 bbls at 65c.

Coffee—Was in better demaud; we note sales of 70 sks Rio at 36c, and other descriptions unchanged.

FEED—The demand is increasing. The following are the asking rates: Middlings $2 a cwt; Shorts $1 42@1 50; Bran $1 30; and Seconds $1 60 a cwt.

PITTSBURGH OIL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL, Friday, Dec. 25, 1863.

We have nothing new to notice in regard to this article. Buyers and sellers will have to come to a better understanding before any very large transactions will be made. The receipts by the Allegheny river are about over until the weather moderates—the heavy ice in that stream being too much for boats. Business in oil will be pretty much suspended until after the holidays. The exports were: To Baltimore—Refined, 75 bbls; Crude, 55 bbls. To New York—Crude, 875 bbls. To Philadelphia—Crude, 1,700 bbls; Refined, 636 bbls. The imports during the same period will reach 2,600 bbls.

CRUDE—The nominal rateswere 20@21 in bulk, and 25@28c for packages included. A few small only were disposed of.

REFINED—Remains as last noted, holders demanding higher figures than buyers are willing to pay, viz: Bonded, 40@42c; Free, 50@52c.

[By Telegraph.]

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

COTTON—Firm, and rather more doing; 79@80c for middling uplands.

FLOUR—Opened quiet and rather heavy without any material change in prices $6 65@6 75 for extra State; $7 50@7 80 for Round Hoop Ohio; $7 75@7 95 for trade brands.

WHISKY—Market steady; 86@87 for State and Western; closing at 93@95c.

WHEAT—Is a shade lower; $1 44@1 47 Chicago spring; $1 47@1 51 for Mil. club; $1 56@1 60 for red western.

CORN—Rather easier; $1 27@1 29, shipping mixed western from store, chiefly $1 27@1 28, closing at inside price.

OATS—Easier, at 93@94c for Western Canal; demand moderate.

SUGAR—Quiet.

MOLASSES—Dull, without change.

PETROLEUM—Steady; crude 32½c, refined free 51@52c, refined in bond 46c, do for January at sellers option 48c.

PORK—Firm, with fair demand, at $19 75@19 87 for old mess; $21 for new; $14 50@16 00 for old, and prime new at $17@18.

BEEF—Firm.

BACON—Sides quiet; dressed hogs firmer at 7¾@8c.

LARD—Western firm at 12@13c.

BUTTER—Is selling at 22@27c.

[By Telegraph.]

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.

FLOUR buoyant; extra family, $7 25@7 70.

WHEAT dull; sales of red at $1 62@1 64; white, $1 85.

CORN—The market is firm; sales of yellow at $1 13.

PROVISIONS firm.

PORK firm; new, 18@19c; new, 21c.

LARD—Steady; 12¾@13c.

WHISKY—Market unsettled at 87c.

THERE is an old gentleman in Bolton, Conn., who has in the United States service four sons-in-law, seven grandsons, thirteen nephews and one daughter (as hospital nurse)—in all twenty-five of his family connections.

CAPT. LEVI SORTWELL, of Cleveland, Ohio, died last Thursday, aged sixty-nine, leaving his total property, valued at forty thousand dollars, to the Cleveland Orphan Asylum. He came to that city thirty-three years ago a poor man. He was a bachelor.

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RIVER MATTERS.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF STEAMBOATS.

ARRIVED.

Franklin	Bennett	Brownsville.
Gallatin	Clarke	Brownsville.
Jas. Reese	Peebles	Elizabeth.
Arizona	Terry	Cincinnati.

DEPARTED.

Gallatin	Clarke	Brownsville.
Franklin	Bennett	Brownsville.
Jas. Reese	Peebles	Elizabeth.
Nevada	Brickell	Louisville.

The splendid side-wheel steamer Westmoreland, Captain Evans, is announced for St. Louis. She has the best of accommodations and attentive officers.

THE splendid packet Reserve, Capt. Herron, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville this day. This boat makes her trips with great regularity, and is an established favorite with passengers and shippers. The 1st clerk, Mr. W. M. List, will see that passengers have the best of attention.

CAPT. S. B. FRENCH, a mammoth side-wheel steamer, will be ready for business during the coming week.

The Julia, from Zanesville, will be due this morning. The ice being heavy she may have experienced some difficulty in reaching port.

THE RIVER.—Last evening at twilight there were five feet six inches water and falling. Heavy ice was pattling out of the Allegheny all day. Steamers will hardly venture out until the weather moderates.

The favorite steamer Reserve did not leave yesterday. She will be the first boat to depart when the weather moderates.

THE arrivals yesterday was confined to the Arizona. She brought up a heavy cargo. She is advertized to leave on Saturday, should the weather moderate in the meantime.

The fine steamer Arizonia, Captain Terry, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville on Saturday. This boat is in fine order, and is in charge of both careful and attentive officers. Mr. Shaw, who has charge of the office, will take care to see that passengers are well cared for.

ANOTHER NEW BOAT.—We see Captain E. W. Gould has another new side-wheel boat under way, for the Naples Packet Company. She is to replace the fine steamer Post Boy (recently destroyed by fire at St. Louis) as a Naples packet, running in connection with the Great Western Railroad. She will be ready to leave here in March, and will make her first trip up the Missouri to Fort Benton and the new gold fields of Idaho, giving to parties who desire to emigrate to that new Eldorado a first rate opportunity of going directly through without changing boats. Parties wishing information with regard to that country, the means of reaching it and the cost of outfit, &c., can have the particulars by applying to Captain Gould, at the Monongahela House, who made the trip last season.

Important to River Men.

We take the following from the Cincinnati *Commercial*:

Below we give the annual report of E. M. Shield, Esq., Supervisory Inspector for the Seventh District. It is an interesting and useful statistical document:

SEVENTH SUPERVISING DISTRICT.—The operation of the law of 1852 in the Seventh District, for the last year, is exceedingly flattering; the reports of the various local boards attest the significance of application to passenger steamers, and reflect credit upon these boards, under whom the law has been so faithfully observed. Pilots and engineers, under the law, have obtained a standard of excellence, professionally, and as men, that insures all the requirements of the license (under which they act) to be strictly observed.

One hundred and seventy-seven (177) boats have been inspected, amounting to thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven (38,797) tons; of this number ninety-two (92) are new boats, built within the year.

Nine hundred and sixty-nine (909) officers have been granted certificates of license; of these four hundred and eighty-seven (487) are pilots, and four hundred and eighty-two (482) are engineers. Of the pilots, sixty-eight (68) are original or first licenses, and seventy (70) are engineers of the same class. A large number of boats owned and formerly running to and from ports in this district, have been used for Government service, and, from this cause, no accurate account of the number of passengers carried could be obtained, or even an approximation to the number. The regular packets, principally from the port of Cincinnati, which have been permitted by the Government to remain in their established trades, have reported from their registers two hundred and eight thousand five hundred and twenty-seven (208,527) passengers.

When boats return to their regular trades there will be no difficulty in obtaining a correct account of the passengers transported by them in this district. There has been chartered by the United States Quartermaster's Department at the port of Cincinnati, for the year ending September 30, 1863, eighty-seven (87) steamers, which have been employed in the transportation of troops and stores.

Two well-known packets, the Prioress and Boston, engaged in local trade on the Cincinnati and Louisville ports have been destroyed. They were well officered and had all the appliances and equipments of first-class steamers. On the Prioress, the fire originated near the boilers, cutting off escape from the cabin to the forward stairway; the passengers escaping by the after steps to the lower deck, and reaching the shore from the stern of the boat. These steps by which the passengers escaped are provided by law, for the escape of those who may be on the lower deck, aft, to the upper deck, in cases of fire, snagging, or other accidents endanger of life. On the Boston, the fire originated in the hold. Both fires occurred in the day time, and while under way. Loss, sixty thousand dollars. Fire exhibits the most dangerous element, against which the law has failed to find a sure remedy. The combustible material which enters in the construction of all passenger steamers above the main deck, renders impediments that the law can not be expected to overcome; and can only be prevented by the vigilance of the officers on duty. An untiring vigilance has been required of the various local departments of this district, owing to the existing rebellion; it is, nevertheless, gratifying to report the faithfulness, and unswerving fidelity to the Union, of the pilots and engineers licensed in this District.

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Arrest of A Government Official.

For some time past suspicions have been entertained that defalcations existed in the Redemption Bereau of the Treasury Department, but so skillfully was it being executed that all attempts to find out, until yesterday, proved unavailing, when the detectives fastened on Charles H. Cornell, of Ohio, a clerk in that Bureau, who was arrested this afternoon. It seems that his plan was to abstract the one half of a package of notes sent in to be redeemed and burned, and supply the deficiency in some ingenious manner. The rest of the package being subsequently burned, it is no easy matter to ascertain the amount abstracted; but it is estimated to-night as high as $30,000. The defalcation creates considerable excitement, as Cornell was the last man that would be suspected.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1863.

SENATE.—Mr. Wade introduced a bill relative to members of Congress acting as attorneys, counsel or agents in cases where the United States is defendant. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform the Senate whether persons held to service or labor by the laws of Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri have been enrolled according to the provisions of the act for calling out the national forces and other purposes, approved March 3d, 1863; and if not, why such enrollment has not been made.

Mr. Trumbull's resolution inquiring for the number of Major Generals and Brigadier Generals without a command larger than a brigade, the extent of the rank and pay of their several staffs, with the amount of rations for each, was taken up and adopted.

After an executive session, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as Select Committe on the National Bankrupt Law:—Spaulding, Kelly, of Pa.; Craver, of Ind.; Hoover, of Mass.; Frank, of N. Y.; Morrison, of Ill.; Harris, of Md.; Jenkes, of R. Island, and Chanler, of N. Y.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of War, in compliance with Mr. Cox's resolution, transmitting the report of General McClellan concerning the organization and operations of the Army of the Potomac, while in command, and all army operations while commander-in-chief.

Mr. Cox offered a resolution that 10,000 extra copies be printed. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Fenton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to facilitate the payment of bounties and arrears of pay due for services of wounded and deceased soldiers. Referred.

Mr. Schenck, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to create a bureau of military justice; also, a bill to repeal a part of the enrollment act, the sole object of the bill being to unite the two classes into one, to take effect from and after its passage.

Fernando Wood said the Enrollment was full of defects, and required such modifications as would fill up our failing armies. He hoped that the pending bill would not be acted upon at this time, and moved its reference to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Schenck, in reply, said the Committee on Military Affairs would not report a repealing bill. They, however, are assiduously engaged in considering amendments to make the act more effective.

Mr. Ancona offered a preamble setting forth the act commonly called the Conscription law to be oppressive, unjust, and unconstitutional, because it takes from the States the control of their own militia, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to bring in a bill for the repeal of the act, and the substitution of some constitutional and just bill for the immediate filling up of our armies.

Mr. Stevens moved an adjournment of the House. Carried.

The House then adjourned in pursuance of the joint resolution, until the 5th day of January, 1864.

Successful Expedition of Gen. Averill in Western Virginia.

EDRAY, Pocahontas Co., Va., Dec. 21—*Via* Beverly, Dec. 22.—To Gen. Halleck:—I have the honor to report that I cut the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad at Salem on the 16th inst., and have arrived safely at this point with my command. At Salem I destroyed three depots, containing 2,000 bbls flour, 10,000 bush wheat, 100,000 bush shelled corn, 50,000 bush oats, 2,000 bbls meat, several cords of leather, 1,000 sacks salt, 31 boxes clothing, 20 bales cotton, a large amount of harness, shoes and equipment, tools and various other stores, and 100 wagons. The telegraph wires were cut, coiled and burned for half a mile. The water station, turn table and three cars were burned, and rail heated and destroyed as much as possible in six hours. Five bridges and several culverts were destroyed. Over an extent of fifteen miles a large quantity of bridge timber and repairing materials were also destroyed.

My marches were retarded occasionally by the tempests in the mountains, and the icy roads. I was obliged to swim my command and draw my artillery with ropes across Croggs' creek seven times in twenty-four hours.

On my return I found six separate commands, under Generals Early, Jones, Fitsels, Imboden, Jackson, Cloise and McCousten, arranged in a line extending from Staunton to Newport, upon all the available roads, to prevent my return.

I captured a dispatch from Gen. Jones to Gen. Early, giving me his position and that of Jackson at Clifton Forge. I marched from the front of Jones to Jackson at night. His outposts were pressed in at the gallop, by the Virginia mounted infantry, and two bridges across Jackson river were saved, although faggots had been piled ready to ignite them. My column, about four miles long, hastened across regardless of the enemy, until all but my ambulances and a few wagons, and one regiment, had passed, when a strong effort was made to retake the first bridge, in which they did not succeed.

The ambulances and some sick men were lost, and by the darkness and difficulties the last regiment was detained upon the opposite side until morning. When I ascertained that the enemy seemed determined to maintain the position on the cliffs, which overlooked the bridge, I caused the bridge, which was long and high, to be destroyed. The enemy immediately changed position to the flank and rear of the detachment which was cut off. I sent an order to the detachment to destroy the wagons and come to me across the river or over the mountain. They swam the river with a loss of four men, who were drowned, and joined me on the mountain face. The enemy concentrating upon me at every available road, but one way of retreat was deemed practicable, and by which I crossed the Alleghenies with my command, with the exception of four caissons, which were destroyed to increase the teams of field-pieces.

My loss is six men drowned, one officer and four men wounded, and four officers and ninety men missing. We captured about two hundred prisoners, but released all but four officers and eighty men on account of their inability to walk. We took about one hundred and fifty horses.

The country is very poor, and the officers and men have suffered cold, hunger and fatigue with remarkable fortitude.

My command has marched, climbed, slid and swam three hundred and fifty-five miles since the 8th inst.

W. W. AVERILL, Brig. Gen.

The Smithsonian Institute.

WASHINGTON, December 23—The Speaker of the House has reappointed Mr. Cox one of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institute. Davis, of Maryland, and Patterson of New Hampshire, have also been appointed Regents, in place of Messrs. Colfax and McPherson.

Look Out for Counterfeits.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—*Peterson's Detector* cautions the public against counterfeit fives on the Union Bank of Philadelphia, just issued.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 23.—At a meeting of the State Central Committee of unconditional Union men and War Democrats, held to-day, it was resolved to call a [illegible] Indianapolis [illegible]

Particulars of the Fight between Heenan and King.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The following additional news by the *Jura* gives the particulars of the fight between Heenan and King:

The choice of ground was won by Heenan, and precisely at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 10th instant, the men were delivered at the scratch.

Round 1st—Heenan closed in, grasped King by the neck, and giving him an old fashioned hug until the referee entered the ring and strictly cautioned him not to repeat the operation.

Round 2d—King forced the fighting, and as soon as he came to the scratch, Heenan closed in again, and after hugging him for some time, threw him. In this round King drew the first blood, which was allowed.

Round 3d—After hard exchanges, Heenan again hugged King, and threw him on the ropes with awful violence. All was now going dead against King—the only thing he had in his favor was drawing the first blood.

Round 4th—King came up with a visible mouse under his left eye. Heenan again attempted the hugging game, which elicited loud remarks of disapprobation. With this exception, nothing particular occurred during this round.

Round 5th—Both men came up smiling. King got in a tremendous blow on Heenan's ear and another on his temple. Heenan, in despair, hugged King and threw him violently.

Round 6th—Both men pegged away at each other. The round finished by Heenan giving King another hug.

Round 7th—More hammering, and Heenan again hugged and cross buttocked King dreadfully during this round; King gave Heenan a rattler on the nose, drawing a stream of blood.

Round 8th—Rapid countering on both sides; Heenan again hugged King at the close, but got thrown.

Round 9th—King struck Heenan a tremendous blow on the head; Heenan closed in upon him and threw him.

Round 10th—King landed one heavily with both fists, closed in and was thrown heavily by Heenan.

Round 11th—In this round Heenan began to tire. At the close he rushed in and threw King heavily.

Rounds 12th, 13th and 14th, the same result as 11th.

Round 15th—Some swinging blows were given on each side, when Heenan knocked King down, clear into the corner. This was the first

The Daily Commercial.

COMMERCIAL.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 21.—Wool—The sales for the week have been 7,100 lbs fleece at 85c; 15,700 lbs foreign at 36@42½c. Printing Cloths—The following are the sales for the week: 6,000 pieces 52x56 14½c; 4,000 do 56x60 15c, 8,005 do 60x64 16½c, 4,000 do do 16¼c, 3,000 do do, 16½c, heavy; 2,500 do do 16¾c, very heavy; 15,000 do 61x64 17c, 15,000 do do, private terms—54,500 pieces.

LOUISVILLE TOBACCO MARKET.—Sales of 94 hhds, as follows 3 at $4 70@4 85, 6 at $5 05@6 95, 3 at $6 40@6 70, 5 at $7@7 80, 7 at $8@8 75, 5 at $9@9 80, 6 at $10@10 75, 6 at $11@11 75, 1 at $12 50, 1 at $13, 7 at $14@14 75, 4 at $15@15 25, 3 $16 25@16 75, 2 at $17, 4 at $18 2½@18 75, 6at $19 50@19 75, 5 at $20@20 75, 3 at $21 50@21 75, 5 at $22@22 50, 3 at $23 25@23 75, 1 at $24 25, 4 at $25, 2 at $26 2½, 1 at $30, and 1 at $37 per 100 lbs.

CINCINNATI TOBACCO MARKET.—Sales of Leaf Tobacco to-day at Bodman's Warehouse: 65 hhds: 13 hhds Mason County Leaf, Lugs and Trash, 1 at $12; 1 at $13 25; 2 at 14; 1 at 15; 2 at 16 50; 1 at 17; 1 at 17 50; 2 at 18; 1 at 19 50; 1 at 20, and 1 at 25. 13 hhds Ohio: 1 at $10 25; 1 at 10 50; 1 at 10 75; 1 at 11; 4at 11 50; 1 at 13; 1 at 13 25; 1 13 50, and 1 at 14 50. 9 hhds Virginia: 3 at $5; 1 at 19 25; 1 at 17 25; 1 20 50; 3 at 22 75; and 40 cases Ohio Seed Leaf Wrappers and Fillers, ranging from $13 25 to $36 50.

St. Louis Tobacco Market.

The market opened active and closed at advanced rices; having the appearance of still advancing. Of the finer qualities of leaf the market is nearly bare. The break during the week consists of 121 hogsheads, and prices ranged as follows; For sweepings,at $1 40; stems at 2 25@3 25; scraps $4 10; new primings $6@6 95; for factory lugs, at $8 10@9 90; for planters' lugs, at $9@13 90; for common shipping leaf, at $13@17 60; for medium shipping leaf, at $18 80; for good shipping leaf, at $23 50@27 50; for medium manufacturing leaf, at $21@27 55; for manufacturing leaf, at $50.

Wool in New York.

Our market, though quiet, is not more so than usual at this season of the year. Holders generally are quite firm, but there has been some slight giving way on Fleece and Pulled, by parties anxious to realize, or, in other words, to "raise money." The bulk of holders, however, are quite firm, and refuse to make any concession from previous current quotations. 75@80c still seems to be the range for Fleece; 90@95c, for super; and 75@80c for extra Pulled. The shading had been mostly on Fleece, lots heretofore held at 80c, being sold at 75@77c. The dullness of the demand and the anxiety to obtain money, as we before remarked, has caused weak holders (and we can not call them weak either, for necessity knows no law) to sell under price. The stock of Domestic here is unusually light for the season, and the quantity coming forward much below that of previous years at this time.

Saint Louis Cotton, Hemp and Lead Market.

COTTON—The market during the week has been more active, and prices have been firmer than they were last week. We quote the ranging prices as follows: Ordinary at 65c; good do at 65c; low middling at 70c; middling at 73c; good do at 75@77c.

Hemp—The market during the whole week has been steady, and prices are firm. We quote the range as follows: common undressed, $85@90; do fair do $90@95; do prime do $95@105; do choice do, $110@120; for prime dressed, $200@210; do choice do, $210@220; common to choice, $82@90.

Lead—The market continues active and prices firm; the demand is greater than the supply. We quote hard Missouri at $8 85 per 100 lb; soft Missouri and Galena at $9 per 100 lb.

Philadelphia Metal Market.

Iron—The market is uncharged but quiet, most of the makers of pig metal being sold up, and the sales are limited to small lots within the range of $36@45 for the three numbers, and good No. 1 scarce. Of Scotch pig there is no stock here, and no sales. Blooms are scarce and nigh, and manufactured iron in good demand at fully former rates, and the mills generally are well off for orders.

Lead is firm at the late advance, the want of stock checking business, and we hear of no sales.

St. Louis Game Market.

Since our last report the game trade has been quite active, caused by the holidays nearing us, as also the weather having been quite cold for several days back. If the weather continues so the business transacted in game will be unusually large, the balance of the season, in fact much larger than the previous season. The prices that we quote are wholesale prices, that game dealers buy their game at. The prices are firm at last week's quotations, having the appearance of advancing. We quote as follows:

Prairie chickens, $2 50@ dozen; quails 96c@$1 ₱ dozen; rabbits, $1 ₱ dozen; squirrels; 75c ₱ dozen; ducks, $2 ₱ dozen; dressed chickens, $2@2 25 ₱ dozen; wild turkeys, 50@75c each; tame turkeys, 10c ₱ lb; deer (whole) at 6c ₱ lb; deer, (saddle,) 10c ₱ lb.

Chicago Market, Dec. 22.

Receipts of live Hogs, 4,537, Dressed, 1,644; Cattle, 456. Live hogs firmer, with sales at $5 25@5 90, good weights. No sales of heavy reported; unheld at $6 25@6 60. Dressed hogs firm and 10@15c better, with sales at $5 50@5 60, under 150 lbs; $6@6 30, over 150 lbs; and $7@7 30, over 200 lbs.

Cattle quiet, and firm at $3@4 for good shipping grades.

Mess pork firm and more active, with sales at $17 50 for good city brands, with holders also at $18. Prime mess more active at $13 87½@14.

Hams—Pickled hams firm.

Meats—English meats firm and ½c higher, with sales at 7½c for Cumberland cut; short rib, 8½c; short clear middles, 9½c, with holders ¼c higher. Bulk meats firmer and higher. Green meats quiet and firm.

Lard—Market steady at 11¾@11¾c for prime city and country.

Grease—Market quiet and unchanged.

Flour—The market is dull and quiet.

Wheat steady.

Oats—The market is a shade firmer, with quotations un hanged.

Corn firmer.

Barley and Rye quiet and unchanged.

Highwines easier, with sales at 81c.

St. Louis Lumber Market.

During the week just ended, there have been no arrivals by river, ice not permitting rafts to come down. By railroad from Chicago and other points about 500,000 feet have arrived. The demand from yards continues unabated, and prices are firm, having the appearance of advancing, if any change takes place. We quote as follows:

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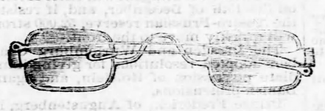

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